NEWS OF THE COUNTIES ABOUT THE BAY

SCHOOL CENSUS SHOWS INCREASE

Figures Reveal Steady Growth of City of Palo Alto.

Additional Pupils Entitle Suburb to an Extra Educator.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

PALO ALTO, June 23.—The annual school census for the Palo Alto district has been completed by Census Marshal Wallace A. Coddington, and his report is now in the hands of the School Trustees. There are 725 children between 5 and 17 years of age residing within the boundaries of the district. Last year's census showed a total of 672. The gain in numbers during the year, 53, indicates a constant and healthy growth in Palo Alto's population.

The increase entitles the school district to the State appropriation for one extra teacher next year. Palo Alto's quota next year will be eleven teachers instead of ten. The new law provides for the apportionment of State money among the districts on the basis of the number of pupils of school age resident within the district. The Palo Alto district is entitled to one teacher, with an appropriation of $250 for every seventy pupils or fraction thereof above twenty in the district.

Several interesting facts are to be noted in the census figures. Less than 4 per cent of the children of this city are foreign born. This is a lower percentage than for any other place of the size, probably, in the country.

ALAMEDA SCHOOL FUND.

OAKLAND, June 23.—County Superintendent of Schools T. O. Crawford has made an apportionment of county school money to the various districts in the county, and they now have the following amounts tho their credit in the county treasury: Alameda, $12,821.20; Alvarado, $595.84; Alviso, $202.16; Arroyo Valle, $31.92; Bray, $611.96; Berkeley, $16,582.54; Castro Valley, $372.40; Centerville, $792.68; Decoto, $766.08; Eden Vale, $74.48; Elmhurst, $1042.72; Emeryville, $1000.16; Eureka, $223.44; Fruitvale, $4649.68; Green, $95.76; Hays, $138.32; Independent, $266; Inman, $63.84; Laurel, $3160.08; Lincoln, $74.48; Livermore, $2143.96; Lockwood, $1244.88; May, $106.40; Melrose, $925.68; Midway, $26.60; Mission San Jose, $484.12; Mocho, $47.88; Mount House, $58.32; Mowry's Landing, $90.44; Murray, $232.08; Newark, $611.80; Niles, $872.48; Oakland, $45,725.40; Olinda, $42.66; Palomares, $324.08; Pleasanton, $1298.80; Redwood, $106.40; Rosedale, $42.56; Russell, $196.84; San Lorenzo, $1090.60; Stony Brook, $53.20; Summit, $133; Sheridan, $85.12; Sunol Glen, $239.40; Tesla, $287.28; Townsend, $154.28; Union, $2000.32; Vallecitos, $74.48; Vista, $26.60; Valle Vista, $117.04; Warm Springs, $351.12; Washington, $441.56.

GIRL FACES THEFT CHARGE.

OAKLAND, June 23.— With tears streaming from her eyes and sobbing under the stress of her plight, Sadie Ross, 16 years old, faced Police Judge Smith today charged with the theft of a diamond ring. The girl is accused by Miss Belle Achison of 854 Harrison street. Miss Ross was employed at a Berkeley ice cream parlor. She declares she is the victim of one Charles Kreisfeldt, insisting that she loaned him the ring she had borrowed from Miss Achison. The girl protests that Kreisfeldt refused to return the circlet and had caused her great anguish because she had refused to keep company with him. The ring has been recovered.

Judge Smith continued the case until Tuesday.

Thousands of chairs ready for delivery at H. Schellhaas' Oakland corner store.

SELLS EMPLOYER'S FURNITURE.

BERKELEY, June 23.—Chester Mather, employed as a general workman around the premises if Attorney W. F. Booth at 2302 Dana street, told the housemaid, Miss Winifred Klink, a week ago that he was soon to leave the Booth household and that before he left he would "turn a funny trick." Mather kept his word. He left last Tuesday, and an hour before he went he sold a quantity of Mr. Booth's furniture to an Oakland dealer in furniture. The police are looking for Mather, who is also known as W. C. Mader.

THREE-QUARTER-POUND BABE DIES IN INCUBATOR

Tiny Bit of Humanity Lives but a Short Time After Its Birth in New York.

NEW YORK, June 23.—Dr. Drury of Bellevue Hospital reports that Baby Hogan, the tiny daughter of Mrs. Mary Hogan, died last night.

The baby arrived at the home before it was expected and was rushed in a passing automobile to Bellevue, where it was put into an incubator. Everything possible was done for the infant, but it died. It weighed about three-quarters of a pound and was reported to be the smallest child ever received at the hospital.

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WOMAN'S NECK IS BROKEN DURING DRUNKEN ORGY

Cause of Mrs. Mary Reichert's Death Developed at Inquest and Husband Is Catechised.

POLICE COMMENCE AN INVESTIGATION

BERKELEY, June 23.—Death came to Mrs. Mary H. Reichert, wife of a laborer, last Wednesday night through the breaking of her back during a debauch with her husband and his intimate friend, Michael Baumann. The story is one of sodden brutishness seldom equaled. An inquest yesterday showed that liquor was poured down Mrs. Reichert's throat when she refused or was unable through intoxication to drink any more. It is supposed her neck was broken during this bestial performance in the course of the orgy; or it might have been broken in murderous frenzy by one of her liquor-crazed consorts during the progress of the debauch.

There is no proof that either of the men directly caused the woman's death, and they have not been arrested, but the police are investigating the case.

The facts thus far brought to light indicate to the police that Mrs. Reichert, a semi-invalid, was the victim either of her husband or of his friend, Michael Baumann, while the three indulged in liquor at the Reichert home in West Berkeley on June 20. The men admit that whisky was given to Mrs. Reichert on that day, and that they held her head while the whisky was poured down. At some stage in the proceedings Mrs. Reichert's neck was broken, either in a drunken quarrel or while the whisky was being poured down her throat by her male companions in the house.

A Coroner's jury that heard the testimony in the case today and cross-examined both Reichert and Baumann confessed itself unable to decide whether Reichert is responsible for the woman's death, or both. Neither Reichert nor Baumann was detained by the police, though they will both doubtless be kept under surveillance. The jury found that Mrs. Reichert's death was the result of a dislocated neck.

SHERIFF INVESTIGATES.

The discovery last night by Dr. J. J. Benton that Mrs. Reichert's neck was dislocated inspired Sheriff Barnet to begin an investigation at once. The woman died last Wednesday night, supposedly of natural causes. Her husband reported her death to Dr. Benton on Thursday morning. Dr. Benton informed the Coroner, and an inquest was ordered for this morning.

Supposedly the inquest was to be one of the perfunctory affairs that follow when death comes so suddenly to a man or woman that the relatives of the stricken one have not time to call a physician, the law then requiring that official inquiry shall be made into the causes of death, even if the inquiry is to be largely perfunctory.

When Dr. Benton notified the authorities last night, however, that in making his autopsy examination of Mrs. Reichert he had found her neck dislocated, death certainly being the result of this dislocation, the case assumed a new aspect, and there was no more thought of a perfunctory inquest.

Murder was suspected, and instantly those cognizant of the circumstances in connection with the case recalled several suspicious features of the affair that hitherto had received no especial attention. The woman's husband, for example, had not reported her death until Thursday morning, although she died Wednesday night.

Also, those who took care of the corpse found Mrs. Reichert dressed in a street gown, wearing her gloves, as though ready for a journey from the house. These details had seemed unusual to those who took care of the body, but were not made much of, because the husband of the woman had said she was an invalid, whose death had not been unexpected by him, so that when she expired suddenly on Wednesday night he did not consider it remarkable.

BOTH MEN SUMMONED.

The authorities determined to make a searching investigation of every feature connected with Mrs. Reichert's death, after learning of these unusual matters, and Reichert, accordingly, with Michael Baumann, who was in the Reichert house when the woman died, were summoned before the Coroner's jury this morning to give testimony and be examined.

Dr. Benton also testified. He was informed by Reichert of the death of Mrs. Reichert twelve hours after the death occurred. Dr. Benton informed the jury today that he asked Reichert why notification of death was given to him, a physician, or why his services were requested after the patient had passed away.

"Reichert told me," said Dr. Benton, "that he wanted to be sure that no blame attached to him for his wife's death, and that if there was anything said about the death he desired a physician's word for what had actually happened."

Reichert is a humble laborer in Louis Schaffer's bone yard, and has lived in a ramshackle house near Flemings Point in West Berkeley for several years. He swore that he and Mrs. Reichert lived peaceably, never quarreled, and that on the night of her death was given attention by him for several hours, he rendering all the service possible to sustain her.

"My wife was an invalid," said Reichert, "a victim of tuberculosis. She had been to the County Infirmary for some time, having returned to our home only last Monday. She always complained of the cold, and almost always wore her gloves. She planned to walk out last Wednesday night, but finally changed her mind and, saying that she felt badly, laid down on the bed. She called for water and whisky during the evening, and I sent out and got some for her, and held her head while she drank it. I don't know just when she died. I did not call for a physician because she seemed to be dead before I realized it."

Baumann testified that he came to the Reichert home at about 8 o'clock Wednesday evening. He found Mrs. Reichert ill, and stayed in the house until she died. He tried to get a physician, he said, but could not secure one over the telephone.

INJURY DUE TO FORCE.

Dr. Benton stated his opinion that the cause of death was a dislocation of the bones of the neck, causing pressure upon the spinal cord. He found a jagged piece of bone in the neck and a clot of blood directly below this bit of bone.

Such an injury, the physician declared, could not be produced by a voluntary twisting of the neck. A fall might make such a dislocation, but a dislocation produced by a fall would result in a discoloration of the skin. The skin of Mrs. Reichert's neck, face and body was not discolored.

Dr. Benton declared that if the head had been forced backward then such a fracture as he found in Mrs. Reichert's case would have resulted.

The jury rendered the following verdict:

"We find that death was caused by paralysis of the respiratory organs, due to pressure upon the spinal cord and the dislocation of the second vertebrae. The foregoing conditions were due to some cause unknown to the jury."

The jury was made up of T. B. Smith, William Kelly, C. R. Hoessli, J. S. Linscott, J. W. Meredith, D. L. Esgrigg, M. Tracy, L. L. Woody.

Reichert was not detained by the authorities after the jury rendered its verdict, but the investigation by the police of the facts relating to his wife's death will be continued, in the hope of solving the mystery that now enshrouds the case.

DEATH CALLS A PIONEER OF SALINAS VALLEY

SALINAS, June 23.—Thomas Graves, a pioneer of California and the Salinas Valley, died this morning. He was born in Kentucky sixty-three years ago and crossed the plains to Sacramento with his parents when but 10 years old. He settled in Monterey County in 1855. Mr. Graves was a charter member of the Salinas Odd Fellows' Lodge. He leaves a widow and three sons and a daughter. One of the sons is J. E. Graves of San Francisco.

DUKE ALMODOVAR DEAD.

Career of the President of the Late Algeciras Conference Closed.

MADRID, June 23.—The Duke of Almodovar, Minister of Foreign Affairs, who acted as president of the conference on Moroccan reforms at Algeciras early in the present year, died this afternoon. He was born in 1854.

DOG'S STOMACH REBELS.

Experiments Show Injurious Effects of Meat Preservatives.

TOPEKA, Kans., June 23.—That even the stomach of a dog rebels when fed on meats preserved with benzoil and borax was demonstrated yesterday by Dr. J. C. Crumbine, secretary of the State Board of Health, in an address before the county and city health officers of the State.

Dr. Crumbine told of experiments he had made on dogs, and with the results as his text he urged that the State Board of Health limit the use of preservatives to foodstuffs that are to be shipped long distances during the summer months.

Dr. Crumbine said that on May 1 he took three dogs of the same age. Every morning he fed each one-half pint of fresh lean meat, at noon each a pint of milk and at night each dog had another half pint of the meat. The meat was fresh, without bones, and was not scraps. The food for one dog was treated with a one per cent solution of benzoil, for the second a one per cent solution of borax was used; the third dog was fed untreated milk and meat.

Within two weeks the benzoate dog became cross and refused to have anything to do with the others. It lost its appetite and in six weeks had gained only three pounds in weight. The borax dog did not become cross, but within ten days its general health declined and it refused the borated milk. In four weeks it had to be coaxed to eat meat. The dog gained one pound in weight in six weeks, but became listless.

The dog that had been fed untreated meat gained in weight an average of one pound a week during the test and at no time did it become listless or lose its appetite.

FOUR RUSSIAN BANDITS LOSE $125,000 AFTER STEALING IT

Robber Carrying the Money Receives a Wound and His Loot Is Recovered.

KIEV, Russia, June 23.—Messengers on the Southwestern Railway who were carrying $125,000 were attacked yesterday by four robbers, who killed one messenger, wounded a second, seized the money and drove away at a gallop in a cab. Two of the messengers pursued the robbers and wounded the robber who was carrying the money, with the result that he fell from the cab and the money was recovered.

VERONEZH, Russia, June 23.—The peasants of the village of Krutnyagorki, enraged at the killing of a cow by two members of the rural police, called a commune meeting, formally condemned the two men to death and executed the sentence.

UFA, Russia, June 23.—Prince Manveloff, an extensive land proprietor and a former officer of the Guards, was killed on the streets here yesterday. The crime, it is supposed, was committed for political reasons.

KERTCH, Russia, June 23.—A captain of gendarmes named Sherematieff was killed on the streets here today by revolutionists. His wife, who accompanied him, was seriously wounded.

CHICAGO HOLDS THE RECORD FOR STREET CAR DISASTERS

Twenty-One Persons Killed and One Hundred and Seven Injured in Fifty Days.

CHICAGO, June 23.—The fatality figures in street car accidents in Chicago staggered Mayor Dunne today when he received a detailed report from Dr. M. F. Doty showing that in fifty days, between May 1 and June 19, 21 persons were killed and 107 injured in 82 accidents.

Mayor Dunne declared after reading the report that he would at once call a halt on the traction companies and force them to better protect the lives of citizens. He will order the Police Department to make a rigid investigation of every accident hereafter.

"The condition is shocking," said he, "and stands out more grimly when the number of persons killed in Chicago is compared with that in other cities. Something must be done by the companies at once. There surely is some way of lessening the number of accidents, and certainly something can be done to lessen the loss of life."

Says Crew Is Incompetent.

Andrew Furuseth, representative of the Pacific Coast Seamen's Union, appeared yesterday morning before United States Local Inspectors O. F. Bolles and John K. Bulger, and made verbal complaint to the effect that the crew of the steamship Umatilla was an incompetent one.

The inspectors informed Mr. Furuseth that the incompetency of crews was a matter outside of their jurisdiction; that so long as the requisite number of licensed officers were on board and the ship properly equipped with life-saving appliances, etc., they were powerless to interfere. They accordingly referred him to Acting Customs Collector William B. Hamilton, who took Mr. Furuseth's complaint under consideration

PRISON AWARDS NOT TEMPTING

Few Merchants Seek Contracts to Supply San Quentin.

Tirey L. Ford Takes His Place on the Board of Directors.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

SAN QUENTIN, June 23.—The Board of Prison Directors met today for the purpose of opening and awarding bids for prison supplies for the next six months. No awards were made. There was a very small attendance of bidders, several regular bidders having failed to file their bids on account of the unsettled mercantile conditions. The board, on account of high markets, advertised for six months' supplies, feeling that the prices would be normal by December. Many merchants did not care to bid for so short a period.

The commission of Tirey L. Ford as Prison Director was ordered entered in the minutes.

T. Bayles Van Horn was recommended to the Governor for pardon. Van Horn came here in 1898 from Trinity County for murder in the second degree. He was paroled January 1, 1905, and is now manager of his father's ranch in Colusa County. His sentence expires in 1913.

The board went into executive session for a few hours and then announced the contracts for supplies would be made some day next week.

ALAMEDA COUNTY NEWS

SUES FOR DIVORCE.—Oakland, June 23.—Suit for divorce was begun today by Lillian H. Shuey against Marcus M. Shuey, whom she charges with desertion. They were married at Sacramento in 1877. Three years ago, she says, he deserted her.

DISMISSES DIAMOND CASE.—Oakland, June 23.—Police Judge Samuels this morning dismissed Harry Falk, accused of having appropriated a pawnticket for a diamond ring at 121 San Pablo avenue, the property of Billy Ryan, a San Francisco barkeeper. The diamond was valued at $180.

FEARS IMAGINARY PURSUERS.—Oakland, June 23.—Samuel B. Sheldon, a teamster, rushed into the police headquarters today declaring he was being pursued by enemies. The police could find no one following Sheldon. He was detained for observation as to his sanity.

GIRL BURNED; SAVES PARROT.—Oakland, June 23.—Pretty Lenora Hunt, young daughter of J. E. Hunt, residing at 629 Telegraph avenue, burned her hands badly this morning while saving her pet parrot from being singed in the flames which broke out at the house from the explosion of a gasoline stove. The bird was uninjured.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.—Oakland, June 23. Mrs. Kate Dexter, aged 45, was found dead in bed in her room at the lodging-house at 415 Second street by Gus Colson, who resides at 421 Second street. Not having seen anything of the woman for two days he entered the room last night, finding her dead. It is supposed that death was from natural causes. The Coroner has charge of the case.

SYMPHONY CONCERTS.—Berkeley, June 23. Dr. J. Fred Wolle has returned from his tour of Southern California prepared to conduct the series of symphony concerts which the university authorities have arranged for the summer session. The first of these concerts will be given in the Greek Theater on the afternoon of June 28.

PRESSES WHITTELL SUIT.—Oakland, June 23.—An appearance has been entered for George Whittell Jr. by Attorney Charles F. Hanlon in the divorce suit in which the son of the millionaire capitalist is made the defendant. His wife was formerly the actress, Josephine Cunningham. The entering of the appearance in the case is taken as evidence that Whittell is not waiving any of his rights.

SUSPECTED OF INSANITY.—Oakland, June 23.—R. S. Hubbel, a plumber, arrived from Los Angeles last night and entered the Hotel Touraine in search of a room. He created a disturbance in the lobby by loudly proclaiming his views on religion and was arrested by C. W. Ward and Patrolman McCarthy and taken to the Receiving Hospital for examination as to his sanity. On the way to the hospital he became violent, shouting his new-found religious creed. As far as is known Hubbel has no relatives on this coast. He hails from Michigan.

FAILURE TO KEEP CONTRACT LEADS TO DAMAGE SUIT

Owner of Palo Alto Realty Claims Prospective Purchaser "Welched" on Promise to Buy Block.

PALO ALTO, June 23.—C. E. Jordan, through S. W. Charles and Frederick Schneider, his attorneys, has commenced suit for $10,000 damages against Mrs. S. N. Morris of Berkeley for breach of a contract said to have been entered into by the defendant for the purchase of the Jordan block of this city. Jordan claims that the bargain was made some months ago. At the time negotiations were pending the price of the sale was reported to be $35,000. The Jordan block was built a little more than a year ago and passed through the earthquake with only minor damages.

EL CAMINO PARLOR ELECTS NEW SET OF OFFICERS

Miss Adele Westall Is Chosen President of the Native Daughters of Palo Alto.

PALO ALTO, June 23.—El Camino Parlor, Native Daughters of the Golden West, of this city, has elected its annual officers, as follows: President, Miss Adele Westall; first vice president, Miss Jennie Vandervoort; second vice president, Miss Anna Stingle; third vice president, Mrs. L. K. Hughes; recording secretary, Miss Agnes Jory; financial secretary, Miss Elizabeth Westall; marshal, Miss Dolly Weisshaar; first trustee, Mrs. Tillie Hettinger; second trustee, Mrs. Nellie Goodspeed; organist, Mrs. Alice Clenand.

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER IS OVER ITS BANKS

Many Miles of Country Inundated, and Streets in Firebaugh Are Under Water.

FRESNO, June 23.—The San Joaquin River, in what is known as the west side, is far over its banks and there are fears of great damage to crops and improvements. Many miles of country are inundated and reports from the mountains of great quantities of snow still left do not promise immediate relief. The town of Firebaugh is most seriously threatened. Levees twenty feet in height have been erected along the river bank and hundreds of men are patroling them and strengthening them. Even with this protection the streets of the town are under water, and boats are being used for transportation. Several large steam pumps are constantly at work pumping out the town, but are making slow progress.

FLAMES DESTROY COSTLIEST BUILDING IN BULLFROG

Manager of Townsite Company Saves His Life by Leaping From a Second-Story Window.

RHYOLITE, Nev., June 23.—The most costly building in the Bullfrog district was destroyed by fire at 2 o'clock this morning, when the Merchants' Hotel, a three-story building, constructed last spring, when lumber cost $165 a thousand, went up in smoke. The fire was supposedly of incendiary origin. Frank P. Kerns, manager of the Bullfrog Townsite Company, barely escaped with his life. He jumped from a second-story window. The loss amounts to over $30,000.

Raises Wages of Its Men.

REDDING, June 23.—The Great Western Gold Company raised the wages of its employes in all departments of the copper smelter at Ingot today. The increase, which was voluntary, amounts to 15 per cent.

TWO YEARS IN JAIL IS SENTENCE OF MAN WHO SWINDLED WOMAN

Pleads Guilty to Charge of Obtaining Money by False Pretenses.

Secures Coin by Promising to Get Matron's Son Out of Folsom.

PORTERVILLE, June 23.—Robert Lawler was this morning taken before Judge Wallace in the Superior Court at Visalia and given a sentence of two years at San Quentin Prison on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He obtained the money from a Tulare woman by claiming that he was a San Francisco attorney with influence with the warden and board of prison directors of Folsom Prison, and that for a certain sum he would fix it so that her son, who is at present serving time in Folsom, would be released on June 11 of this year. He pleaded guilty in order to begin serving his sentence at once.

RESENTS SUGGESTION THAT SHE MURDERED HER OWN DAUGHTER

Mother of Woman Beaten to Death in the Bronx Under Suspicion.

NEW YORK, June 23.—Dramatic scenes attended today's proceedings at the Coroner's inquiry into the death of Mrs. Alice D. Kinnan, who was beaten to death at the home of her mother in the Bronx on the night of June 8. Mrs. Stenton, the aged mother of the murdered woman, was undergoing examination by Coroner McDonald, when he suddenly asked her, "Isn't this the hammer with which you killed Alice?" at the same time exhibiting the weapon.

"How dare you suggest that I killed my daughter," cried the witness, her eyes flashing and her body shaking with anger. "I know nothing about the hammer and I don't know how it came to be hidden in my room. I never saw it before."

At another point during the examination Mrs. Stenton started to leave the room, but was persuaded to resume her seat.

"You've got to tell us all you know about this case," she was told by Assistant District Attorney Cardoza.

"I don't know anything about it," retorted Mrs. Stenton.

"Did you do it?" asked Cardoza, shaking his finger in her face.

"No," she shrieked. "Why don't you kill me instead of asking me all these questions.

These outbursts on the part of the witness came at the end of two hours of a vigorous cross-examination. She had answered every question without hesitation, but threw very little new light upon the case.

"BOODLE" ALDERMAN DIES DESERTED BY FORMER ASSOCIATES

Faithful Wife Alone Stand by Him in His Hour of Direst Need.

NEW YORK, June 23.—The funeral of Robert E. de Lacey, a member of the "boodle board" of Aldermen of 1884, was held last night in his home in a little Harlem-street flat. De Lacey died Tuesday from rheumatic ailments of long standing, but his death was not generally known until today.

De Lacey was a member of the Board of Aldermen in 1884 when the late Jacob Sharp obtained from the board a franchise for the Broadway Street Railway. Charges of bribery were made against Sharp, who was convicted and went to prison, and against De Lacey.

When the indictments were returned in 1886 De Lacey and several of his fellow Aldermen fled to Canada and for four years lived in Montreal. Finally they returned, gave bail in $40,000 each and were never tried. De Lacey was nearly 70 years old and for years had been in feeble health. He lived alone with his wife, who had stuck to her husband through all his life and was the only one with him when he died. She was practically the only one at the service over his body.

In efforts to keep his identity a secret the former alderman had moved from one neighborhood to another, finally landing in the little flat in Harlem street ten years ago.

FRATERNAL BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATIONS NOT EXEMPT

Nebraska Supreme Court Decides That Their Property and Funds Are Subject to Taxation.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 23.—Fraternal beneficiary associations conducted for the mutual benefit of members, according to a decision of the Nebraska Supreme Court, are not charitable institutions, and their property and funds are not exempt from taxation. The court permits such companies, however, to set off outstanding insurance policies against their reserve funds. The decision will release from the assessment the $3,000,000 reserve fund of the Woodmen of the World of Omaha.

MRS. McKINNEY GUILTY OF CRUELTY TO HER WARD

Jury Recommends That Defendant Be Imprisoned for Two Years After Treatment for Insanity.

PEORIA, Ill., June 23.—The jury in the sensational case of Mrs. Mary L. McKinney, charged with cruelty to her ward, Stella Grady, returned a verdict of guilty today and recommended that the prisoner be sent to an insane asylum until she recovers, and then be compelled to serve two years in the penitentiary. The jury found that Mrs. McKinney is at present insane.

THIEVES STEAL MONEY.—Oakland, June 23.—Sneak thieves entered the room of Miss Ollie Brithers at 868 Oak street yesterday and stole $6.

MALE TEACHERS GETTING SCARCE

Yearly Enrollment at Normal School Shows a Decrease.

Only Four Men Receive Diplomas at Recent Exercises.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

SAN JOSE, June 23.—With one single exception the class which went out from the San Jose State Normal School on June 21 was the largest that has ever graduated from a normal school in this State. The exception was three years ago, when there was the same number of young people in the class.

Of the 117 newly made teachers who left the school this year but four were young men. This is probably the smallest number of male graduates the institution has ever turned out in one year. The proportion of male students in the institution is also smaller than it was several years ago. During the past year but thirteen young men were enrolled.

President Dailey states that the attendance of young men has been gradually, though rather slowly, growing smaller for some years. Men who are preparing for the teaching profession as a general thing attend the university rather than the normal school and fit themselves for high school or college work. Positions in the grammar grades are, with the exception of principalships, coming more and more into the hands of woman teachers.

FEAR A MURDER HAS BEEN DONE

Body of Man Is Found in Feather River at Oroville.

Crushed Skull Regarded as Mute Evidence of Foul Play.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL.

OROVILLE, June 23.—The discovery of the body of a man entangled in a limb of a tree on the west branch of the north fork of the Feather River has aroused grave suspicion that foul play has been done. A crushed skull and an empty purse and a pocket turned inside out seem to point to the fact that the man's death was not accidental. The authorities made a most careful search, but everything but a pair of overalls and a pair of rough shoes had been torn from the body, leaving absolutely nothing by which the remains could be identified. The man was evidently about 35 years of age and a laboring man.

Heavy Earthquake Shocks in Cuba.

SANTIAGO, Cuba, June 23.—Two earthquake shocks half an hour apart, the first occurring at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, slightly damaged many buildings in this city. Several persons were slightly injured by falling articles. The first shock lasted fifteen seconds; the second was shorter though heavier. Thousands of persons remained in the streets the rest of the night.

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